

PLACES FROM OLD WORLD

Lloyd-George Will Visit in Washington

Chancellor of Great Britain Accepts Invitation of Welshmen to Come to United States in September, No Matter What Is Election Result.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Dec. 28.—Lloyd-George has now definitely fixed his visit to the United States for next September. A delegation of prominent Welshmen approached him with an invitation to come to Pittsburgh, the chancellor, owing to the precarious position of the home rule and Welsh disestablishment bills, was then asked to give a definite answer. Since that time, however, the government's position has so developed that Lloyd-George has been able to decide upon September for the visit.

Immediately after the Pittsburgh invitation became public the chancellor was deluged with invitations from Welsh bodies in almost every town in America. So far he has declared his intention to visit New York, Boston, and Washington, where he says he will be prepared to address his countrymen in the vernacular.

The chancellor expects to be in America about a month. Efforts are being made to induce him to extend his itinerary to San Francisco, and there is every prospect that he will visit the West Coast and stop off in the Middle West as well.

Meanwhile every precaution is being taken to secure a triumphant reception.

TEA DRINKING CRAZE GRIPS LATIN QUARTER

Oceans of Beverage Consumed by Girls of Paris—All Nations Represented Among Tipplers.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, Dec. 28.—Never in the history of the Latin quarter have there been such oceans of tea drunk as during the Christmas week. Girls of all nations celebrated the festive season by drinking deeply and continuously of the cheerful cup. Limitless tea for girls of all nations was provided by Mrs. Whitney Hott, of Detroit and Paris, and by Mrs. John Harjes, wife of the venerable banker. It was to be expected that several thousands of American and English girls would revel in the tea drinking, but when French, Belgian, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Swiss, Spanish, Czech, Austrian, Danish, German, Icelandic, Swedish, Norwegian, Polish, Roumanian, and Armenian girls all took to the tipping there was fear that the oceans would be exhausted.

An interesting note was given this afternoon to the fact that the girls from the allied Balkan states formed a separate and solid phalanx of tea drinkers. Serbian, Bulgarian, Montenegrin, and Greek girls showed themselves capable of consuming as much tea as their more seasoned and American sisters. Both Mrs. Hott and Mrs. Harjes refused to take credit of this, the biggest tea fight on record.

FORMER BASEBALL PLAYER MAKES REPUTATION ABROAD AS GREAT LYRIC ARTIST

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, Dec. 28.—Samuel Strang Nicklin, of Tennessee, has developed from a baseball player in America to a lyric artist in Europe. He began playing ball in Cedar Rapids, and later as Sammy Strang, played with the Chicago team. In 1906 he played with the New York Giants, being one of the greatest pinch hitters.

He used to cheer the team with song, and got the reputation of having a good voice. Having hurt his leg, he came to Paris and studied singing with Oscar Ragale, and finished with Jean de Reszke. In order to get money enough to pursue his studies without asking his father, he coached the West Point team. Under his training West Point won its big game four years in succession from the Navy team.

In February, Mr. Nicklin will sing in his home town, Chattanooga, and in March he will coach the West Point team for the last time.

HAD PRINCE FOR VISITOR.

Old Woman Greatly Surprised to Learn She Entertained Future King.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Dec. 28.—A story of the Prince of Wales' sojourn at Oxford is told by the undergraduates.

The other day he went out for a cross-country run and finished second. Afterward the gentleman who had invited the young fellows over, and over whom grounds the running was done, took the prince into the cottage of an old lady to get some tea.

The lady did not know who her visitor was, and described him after ward as being a nice, merry boy. When the prince came away he suggested to his host that he should send the old lady one of his photographs.

The picture, autographed, duly arrived, and the old lady was greatly surprised to think that the boy with the merry tongue, who had taken the admittance of old age in such good part, was the future King of England.

Plan Tax on Gayety.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Berlin, Dec. 28.—Gayety is the latest object of taxation in Berlin. All places of amusement where people enjoy themselves are to be taxed according to the degree of enjoyment manifested by the audience.

So far the threatened taxation has not been carried out by the city government because of stormy protests by owners of cabarets, dance halls, circuses, variety shows, cafes, and moving picture shows, who contend they already are so heavily taxed that further burden would bring bankruptcy. But the members of the municipal council seem to be inexorable. They believe the taxation of merriment will be a source of fabulous revenue in Berlin.

London Dogs a Nuisance.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Dec. 28.—Dogs are becoming a public nuisance in London. So said Mr. Plowden, of Marylebone, in filing Miss Hilda Herbert, of Fettes Road, South Hampton, 28, and costs on a charge of allowing a ferocious terrier to be at large, unmuzzled, and falling to keep it under proper control.

According to the evidence, the dog had twice bitten a postman, and as a lady was passing along Pelham Road, it severely bit her without the least provocation.

LONG TRAINS PASSE AT ENGLISH COURT FUNCTIONS, IS THE LATEST DECREE

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Dec. 28.—The announcement that the first court will be held February 7, has taken every one by surprise. Never before has the first court of the season been held so early. It is evident such a great crush is expected that the King wished to get the first diplomatic court over as soon as possible. Those who wish to attend one of the early courts must send in their names at once to the lord chamberlain.

As trade is booming, an enormous number of provincial presentations are expected. The lists nowadays are, however, more carefully scrutinized than ever before, and it is impossible for an undesirable to obtain entrance to the palace. American visitors who wish to be present may be warned not to succumb to the wiles of court dressmakers, who will tell them it does not really matter what length the train is, as no one will notice. This season the court train must be no longer than three yards from the shoulder. Any one wearing a longer train will be politely but firmly turned away.



King Haakon and Queen Maud of Norway.

Berlin, Dec. 28.—Much credence is given here to the rumor that is making the round of European court circles to the effect that King Haakon of Norway may, in the near future, quit his throne as a result of the open opposition to his reign which is being constantly manifested in the Storting.

"Merry Widow" Ship Nears End of Trip

Fifty-seven Varieties of Husbandless Women Will Wind Up Grand World Sightseeing Tour Upon Arrival in San Francisco.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Berlin, Dec. 28.—Some time in the early part of February the "Merry Widow" will sail into the port of San Francisco and deposit upon American soil fifty-seven varieties of husbandless women of various ages and positions, together with thirty hatches of happy temptations, who are touring the world.

This astonishing globe-circling trip was started at New York, where the fifty-seven varieties of widows took ship and started Eastward around the world last October, with only one object in view—amusement—in capital letters. And there is every indication that the purpose of the trip is being accomplished, judging by private letters which have just been published in the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger.

Flirting seems the principal occupation on board the Cleveland, which is the official name of the vessel carrying this strange crew.

FINDS COURSE OF TRUE LOVE ROUGH

Too Many Cozy Corners.



MISS GRACE MEURER.

When Meurer, perv. heard in Paris that his daughter was engaged to young Mortimer Wilmerding, of New York, he said, "Young man, you are too quick," and packed Miss Grace off for home, leaving Wilmerding to languish in the French capital. Wilmerding says he will come to America and try to win over Mr. Meurer.

NORWEGIAN MONARCH MAY SURRENDER CROWN



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BENT ON MAKING SCANDAL.

Mr. Ginnell Determined to Again Stir Up Crown Jewel Theft Case.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Dec. 28.—Undeterred by the tremendous snubbing he already has twice received in the House of Commons, Mr. Ginnell, the redoubtable Nationalist, will return to the subject of the theft of the crown jewels from Dublin Castle when the House resumes next week.

He will stir the Attorney General with questions with the object of obtaining a list of persons who had access to the jewels at the time when they were stolen in 1907 and of extracting some reason why the criminal law has not been put in operation.

Mr. Ginnell, in defiance to the wishes of the Speaker, refrained last week from using names which he would be legally not in doing in Parliament. The present criminal proceedings have not been taken to justify a prosecution against any one, but Mr. Ginnell has, or thinks he has, information which would warrant prosecution and it is pretty certain he will not let the matter rest until he has made a worse scandal than the theft of the jewels itself.

QUEEN MOTHER CELEBRATES.

Too Many Cozy Corners.



QUEEN ALEXANDRA.

Of England, the most beloved woman in Europe, was the recipient of congratulations from all parts of the world, on the anniversary of her natal day. A short time ago she surprised an amateur photographer who was taking pictures of her bungalow on the seashore near Sandringham, by "commanding" him to take a picture of herself and friends.

WARN YOUNG GIRLS.

Pamphlet Issued by London Societies Tells of Decoy Tricks.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Dec. 28.—Numerous have been the cases in which young girls are decoyed or kidnapped in London and the big provincial cities, that a pamphlet entitled "Warnings to Girls" has been circulated throughout the country. The Bishop of London, as a leading spirit in the National Vigilance Association, is largely responsible for the publication of the pamphlet, which is being sent out by five other societies, including the Young Women's Christian Association and the Girls' Friendly Society. The pamphlet is signed by the presidents and secretaries of the six societies and contains eleven warnings.

In view of what is known to have happened recently to several young girls, daughters of wealthy parents, who have absolutely disappeared, two of these warnings are of special interest. One tells girls never to go with strangers dressed as hospital nurses, who inform them that one of their relatives has met with a serious accident. Another warns girls against staying in a woman who apparently faints at their feet in the street, but urges them immediately to call a policeman. This last warning has worked only too well lately.

Merry Christmas a Realty in Berlin

Merriment, Noisy and Harmless, Reigns Supreme in Germany's Capital—Beer Gardens, Dance Halls, and Theaters All Filled with Happy, Laughing Throngs

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Berlin, Dec. 28.—Berlin, which for years with a certain amount of success endeavored to outshine Paris as the pleasure center of Europe, does not believe in celebrating Christmas as a mere religious festival, but rather as a modernized edition of the Teutonic Christmas Eve alone is celebrated at home with hymns and childlike games around the brightly illuminated Christmas tree, which is not missing even in the homes of the poor. But Christmas day inaugurates a reign of merriment, noisy and harmless, as the Germans love it.

Early in the afternoon this year, therefore, Friedrichstrasse, Unter den Linden, Siegesallee, and the stiff walks of Tiergarten were gay with throngs of laughing, chattering Germans, all on pleasure bent. The hours were whirled away in the numerous beer gardens listening to the excellent music of the military bands until darkness set in and the countless salaried, musical halls, and theaters opened their doors. Every place was crowded with visitors to its fullest capacity. The polished floors of the skating rinks and parquets of the magnificent dance halls were one confused mass of multicolored, hilarious humanity moving in time to the music. Every theater in the city presented a new play, and though Berlin has probably more theaters in proportion to its size than any city in Europe and the price of tickets is high, not a seat was to be had anywhere.

Many spent the evening in the Neues Koenigliche Opera-house on the Impresario Koenigsplatz, where the divine Pavlova made her first bow to the subjects of the Kaiser, remaining here only a few weeks before her departure to New York in search of more American dollars. To speak of Pavlova's dancing is superfluous. Those who have never seen her will fail to understand her charm of grace and reckless abandon, even if you were to use up all the superlatives of the language in describing the poetry of her movement. And those who have seen her will not care to read a fainting attempt to record impressions of her.

Let it be enough to say that Pavlova is, if anything, greater than ever. There is more fire, more of the incomparable Slav temperament in her dance. But she has grown thinner than ever. In some indescribable manner she conveys the impression to you that she has been overtaxing her frail body, gloriously through it responds to the dictates of her will and expresses the passions of her soul.

Pavlova is supported by a graceful corps de ballet, instructed and inspired by her, which fills out the intervals between her dances most pleasantly, but evokes no particular enthusiasm. With her is also a fair young dancer, a countrywoman of Adeline Genes, Karen Lindahl, from the royal ballet in Copenhagen, who is not overshadowed even by the great Pavlova herself.

MRS. ARTHUR DEWEY CAPTIVATES PARIS

Her Remarkable Whistling and \$4,000 Lace Gown Prove More Than Parisians Can Withstand.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Arthur Dewey, of Boston, has captured Paris with her whistling and with her lace gown, which cost more than \$4,000.

Mrs. Dewey is the pretty wife of Arthur Dewey, cousin and friend of the Admiral. She is very versatile and sings, acts, and plays on the violin and piano as well as whistles. At eight years she was an accomplished whistler. Her capture of Paris has been in her capacity as a whistler. Five thousand people cheered her to the echo in the Sales de Agriculture.

When she began to whistle the audience was interested merely in her beautiful lace gown, but when she finished they kept cheering as if she were a candidate for the Presidency of the republic. Her whistling conquered in spite of the gown, which won first prize at the Brussels exhibition.

Such a gown was never seen before in the Sales des Agriculteurs, and much whistling was never heard.

"Madame, you are on the programme to whistle. That is an insult to us grand opera singers and we don't like it," said Maratone.

"Perhaps you will when I have finished," said Mrs. Dewey, and he did. Mrs. Dewey accompanies her whistling on the piano. She plays music at night. She composes and writes poetry and the court journal has published a poem from her pen set to music and illustrated by her.

QUEEN APPROVES OF NOVEL CHARITY

Shows Great Enthusiasm in Promoting Free Cooking Classes for London Poor.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Dec. 28.—Queen Mary has never been known to express such enthusiasm as she has shown for the new charity plans of Lady Esher—the free cooking classes for the poor.

When her majesty heard that Lady Esher, with many other noblemen of the realm, actually intended to go into the slums and instruct the wives and daughters of the factory-workers in beautiful, economical preparations of food, she eagerly gave her approval of the project.

Some of the ladies who will take part in the movement are the Viscountess Falkland, Lady Helen Bunsen, Lady Alton, and Lady Duckworth. With Lady Esher they were received by Queen Mary and the queen told her to prove their real knowledge of cooking by having them fashion the most wonderful plum pudding in England.

Although the Queen is a warm supporter, she is somewhat cautious that they permit her to share in the pudding.

PLANNED TRIPLE MURDER.

Young Girl Confesses to Bribing Convict to Kill Cousins.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, Dec. 28.—An ex-convict called at the prefecture of police here and confessed that a young girl who is employed as a typist in Paris had commissioned him to murder her three cousins, and paid him \$5,000 on account.

According to the story he told M. Guichard, the head of the detective bureau, the girl expected to inherit the property of a relative, who, however, left a will stating that the prospective heiress had displeased her.

On learning that three cousins would divide the property, the girl got into communication with the ex-convict, who promised to "remove" them. Instead, he took his story and the money to the police.

The typist was brought before M. Guichard, and confessed that the story was true. She has been released, as no crime has actually been committed, and, therefore, according to French law, she cannot be punished.

LATEST FAD IN GOWNS.

The "Little Dinner Dress" Makes Its Appearance in London.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Dec. 28.—The "little dinner dress" is the name given to a frock which every society girl just now cannot afford to be without. It is designed on simple lines to take up little room in a trunk and to be worn at small country house parties or at little restaurant dinners in town.

Cousin Zs. Turly, the young daughter of the Grand Duke Michael of Russia, who, with her parents, has been visiting in England, has just ordered a charming "little dinner dress."

It is made of supple black satin and white chiffon edged with fur. The skirt buttons up the front, and the white chiffon is made into a Russian blouse mounted on black tulle. The neck is a simple black and edges the V-shaped décolleté in a narrow band, the long, slightly full sleeves, which have a wrist band, and a Russian blouse all around the lower edge. Round the waist is a folded black satin belt with long, knotted ends, and in the belt on one side is thrust a bunch of brilliant roses.

Arrest Russian Spies.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Vienne, Dec. 28.—A Lemberg newspaper reports the discovery of three Russian spies by an officer on the railway at Komarno, in the center of Austrian Poland, between Lemberg and Sambor. The officer, becoming suspicious of three men in a train, had them arrested, whereupon it was ascertained that the "spies" were Russian spies in disguise.